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Urge Ron: Blast Moscow on arms

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Washington (News Bureau)—With the Soviet Union threatening to suspend the most critical nuclear arms control talks, officials are urging President Reagan to publicly accuse the Russians of violating existing arms control treaties, United States officials said yesterday.

A report detailing possible violations will be presented to the President in the next few weeks and also will be delivered to Congress shortly after it reconvenes Jan. 23, said Kenneth Adelman, director of the arms control agency.

The report charges the Soviets violated treaties by testing two new types of land-based ballistic missiles, by encoding radio signals beamed to earth during Soviet missile tests and by constructing a huge new radar base in Siberia. The Russians say the radar station monitors space flights and is not part of an antiballistic system.

In all, there are 40 specific charges, some of which have been made known before by the administration.

There is considerable controversy within the administration over the seriousness of the possible violations. In a speech last March, Reagan said there were "increasingly serious grounds" to question Soviet compliance with existing arms control agreements.

But top U.S. experts say the task of determining violations is difficult. Treaty wording is often vague, questions arise over the quality of intelligence data gathered on possible violations, and the information is often contradictory.

BY MAKING THE CHARGES public, Reagan risks creating a public impression of a hardening U.S. attitude toward the Russians when there is considerable doubt in Western Europe that U.S.-Soviet arms control talks will continue.

The Soviet Union walked out of talks on medium-range missiles in Europe Nov. 23. The U.S. and the USSR hold their final round of strategic arms

reduction talks (START) today in Geneva before a holiday recess, and U.S. officials expect the Soviets will decline to set a date for resumption. START is the most critical of superpower negotiations on atomic arsenals.

Some administration officials also fear that publication of the report might draw attention to congressional critics who argue that the U.S. is in possible violation of arms control treaties by plans to deploy the MX missile and develop an antiballistic missile defense.

Congressional conservatives have called on the President to make the report public to show the Kremlin lacks the good will needed to forge effective arms control agreements. But the State Department has argued against going public.

The administration has already raised possible violations of the two strategic arms limitations talks agreements at the standing consultative commission in Geneva, but the Soviet response was "unsatisfactory," a U.S. official said.